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Date: 13th October 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

With the weather having taken a colder turn, it is really beginning to feel like Autumn is here. Children in our early years have been enjoying their 'welly walks' outside and are beginning to notice the seasonal changes. Please make sure children have their coats (labelled with their name) in school every day.



Don't forget to sign up on your My Child at School app for a parent/teacher consultation meeting next week. As previously advised, these will take place in your child's classroom and are intended for adults only.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

As you know your child's attendance at school is extremely important and is directly linked to their overall attainment. We take attendance and absence very seriously and continue to aim for 96%-100% attendance. Your child's attendance is reviewed regularly and where there is a concern you will be contacted next week.

I have received a flurry of pupil absence requests this week. Holiday requested during term time is not authorised and will be liable for a fine issued by Swindon Borough Council. If children are away for a continuous period of longer than 20 days they may lose their school place. As part of the Blue Kite Academy Trust, our term dates do not always follow the dates advertised on the Swindon Borough Council website; I would ask you to check the Badbury Park website first before booking a family holiday: <https://www.badburyparkprimary.co.uk/diary-dates-1>.

As we approach the end of the first half term of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fabulous half term break and I look forward to seeing the children return on Tuesday 31st October, rested and ready for the second half of the Autumn term

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Dance

Nursery

This week we have started our PE lessons in the hall; we used the parachute and took it in turns to hold it for friends to run underneath

We have been practising 'same' and 'different', making patterns of different colours and talking about what we notice.

We have also been exploring our senses; we matched different scents to pictures, thinking about what it reminds us of. The children have also looked at Colour Monster emotions thinking about how we feel and what we can do to help each other.



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Reception :

We have been very busy in Ash Tree and Oak Tree class. The Phonics Fairy arrived in our classrooms, left us a letter and each day has been leaving a story and a new sound to learn. The children have written notes to the Phonics Fairy and drew pictures for her to see.



We went on a fantastic welly walk with the sun shining and lots of bubbles! The children were using the mud kitchen to cook food for a picnic, going on bug hunts in the long grass and using the cut grass to create mouse houses and forts.

Ash Tree and Oak Tree made the most of the sunshine and have been having snack outside, using tyres, cable reels and crates as tables and chairs. Well done for another amazing and adventurous week!



Key Stage 1 (Beech, Pine, Yew and Maple)

It's been an exciting week in Year 1! On Monday the Gruffalo came to visit and we've been learning how to use adjectives to describe him. He promised us an amazing prize if we can show our best independent writing next week! In RE we looked at belonging to different faiths; we had a fascinating time learning about Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest and even experienced an afternoon of being part of the Jewish community, eating challah bread and drinking juice to replicate the celebratory time. We've also had a wonderful forest school term, where we have been making seed bombs to plant. We've looked at making number sentences in maths and adjectives in English with focus on our handwriting! In computing we were so lucky to have a go at using laptops and learning how to open/close and save a piece of work.

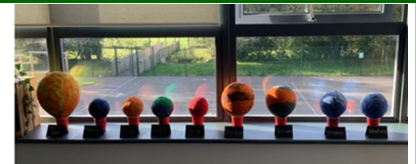


Year 2 have been focusing on the story 'Cinderella of the Nile' for our English writing which we have innovated as a class and we will write our own versions next week. In history, we learnt about the Egyptian Gods and why they were worshipped. To celebrate space week we went to the immersive room to explore our solar system and learn some interesting facts.



Key Stage 2 (Maple, Hazel and Willow)

In Year 3, our focus text has been 'Cinderella of the Nile' which we innovated to 'Rapunzel of the Nile' and we are excited to write our own versions next week! In maths, we have begun looking at 3 digit by 3 digit addition, moving from practical resources to using our knowledge from last year on column addition and applying this. To celebrate Space Week, we made papier maché planets; we painted them in the correct colours and have displayed them in the correct order from the sun.



This fortnight we have had some very exciting learning opportunities in our Egyptian topic. We have been looking at the important Egyptian gods and rituals in the afterlife. Willow Tree class have five mummified tomato remains and more still to follow in the coming days. In computing we have been learning about the world wide web and how content can be designed on there and we have really enjoyed exploring a Music Lab and Paintbox. Here are the links for you to explore as a family at home: [Chrome Music Lab \(chromeexperiments.com\)](https://chromeexperiments.com) and ncce.io/paintbox



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School Uniform

We are starting to see some children wearing items to school—white and lilac cardigans, blue jumpers and grey skirts—which do not comply with our school uniform policy. Please see the reminders below for expected school uniform.

Children are required to wear:

- A **black** skirt, pinafore dress, shorts or trousers
- A white polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- A grey jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- A green gingham summer dress
- Black tights or socks
- Flat black shoes/plain black trainers



Views on PMG Schoolwear at
Badbury Park Primary School

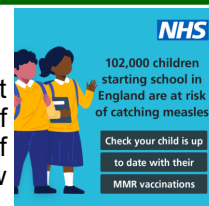


As some of you may know, we were forced to change our uniform supplier when the ownership of “Dress My School” was passed to “PMG Schoolwear” at the end of June with no notice. We are very keen to get feedback about the new supplier and would appreciate your comments about PMG via this QR code

Your feedback will help with our decision whether to remain with PMG or change to a new supplier so we hope as many people as possible will complete the survey.

Measles

Measles cases are rising in England. To date there have been 141 confirmed cases from 1st January – 31st July 2023, more than double the figure for the whole of 2022, with 65% of cases in children under the age of 10 years. In July, UKHSA announced that the risk of large-scale outbreaks is high and cases could rise to between 40k and 160k due to low uptake of the MMR vaccine.



Key messages from NHS

- Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in an early years setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious.
- One in five children will require a hospital visit if they become unwell with measles
- One in 15 children develop serious complications from a measles infection, which can include meningitis and blindness
- There is no medical treatment for measles; vaccination is the best protection against becoming seriously unwell
- The Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is safe and has been used since the early 1980s.
- MMR vaccination is free on the NHS with the first dose being offered when a child is one year and the second at 3 years and 4 months old. This provides long lasting protection against measles, mumps and rubella which can cause long term health conditions such as blindness and asthma.

Call to action

- If your child has missed their first or second dose of MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice .
- If you are unsure if your child is due a vaccination or has missed a vaccination, check their red book or contact your GP practice.
- For adults, it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, contact your GP practice to book an appointment
- For more information visit the NHS website

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📌 **Lunches** from 31st October –24th November are now available to book on your My Child at School app

📌 **Harvest donations** for the Swindon Food Collective are due in school by next Friday 20th October. Please bring in tins of soup or vegetables, jars of pasta sauce or coffee or washing pods/ liquid. A full list of items can be found here: <https://www.swindonfoodcollective.org/donate-food/>

📌 **Nasal flu vaccination:** the immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 16th November. Please complete the consent form using the following link: <https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/swindon>. Please ensure you complete your child's consent 48 working hours before your school session to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

📌 **Breakfast club:** we will be offering a wider choice of breakfast (crumpets, bagels and pancakes) after half term for those attending breakfast club. We hope this will encourage those children who are coming to the club and not eating to sit and enjoy breakfast together; breakfast is essential every day as it gives children an energy boost to cope with busy mornings at school.



📌 **Pick up:** a reminder that school pick up time is **3pm for Reception and Year 1**. Please collect your child promptly at 3pm before collecting older children at 3.15pm.

Following the success of the Happy Homes course, Lighthouse are offering a Family Links Nurturing Programme after half term at Brookfield Primary School. Please see dates and how to book below.



Join us for a 10 week course which supports you to get the best out of family life. We cover a range of topics such as recognising, understanding and managing big feelings, implementing boundaries and routines and creating a more harmonious home!

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The Lighthouse Team

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TO ALL BLUE KITE
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Thursdays 1pm-3pm
Starting Nov 2nd
(excluding school holidays)



Spaces are limited. To reserve a place or for more information please contact us on:
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Swindon SEND

Families Voice

Information Morning

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?

Please come along to meet the Swindon SEND Families Voice team to find out what we do!

Location: Badbury Park Primary School

Date: Tuesday 21st November

Time: 9.30-10.30am

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What parents and carers need to know about Roblox?

Roblox is an online multiplayer gaming platform on which users create their own avatars to play games and explore experiences created by others. While the majority of gaming experiences on Roblox are safe it's important for parents to understand the risks — and how to avoid them.

Here are the nine biggest online threats associated with playing Roblox.:

- **Cyberbullying.** Over 90% of children have experienced or witnessed some form of bullying while playing video games. The anonymous nature of Roblox makes it easy for people to abuse others.
- **Online predators luring your child.** Roblox includes text messaging and voice chat. This means that children could end up talking with strangers, who may try to lure them into private chats on other platforms.
- **Inappropriate or adult content.** Roblox players can create their own games. The notorious condo games (also known as “scented cons”) present a big concern for parents. These spaces often contain virtual strip clubs, naked characters, and users simulating sexually explicit experiences.
- **Games containing simulated violence.** Creators are able to make games in which the goal is to attack other gamers. Players can kill and be killed, often with gratuitous violence, through the use of guns, knives, and bloody fights.
- **Online scammers targeting children.** Robux is the in-game currency that players use to buy items and upgrades. You can buy Robux with real money or earn virtual currency while playing the game. But many fraudsters run phishing scams to steal Robux or real money from children.

The PEGI rating for Roblox is **7+ years**. However, while Roblox has recommendations that suggest what age groups should play the games, it doesn't automatically apply age verification checks to restrict children from accessing the content so it is recommended that:

- **Set parental controls:** Roblox comes with several parental control options which are explained on the games' website
- **Disable private messaging:** the game allows parents to disallow messages from anyone not known to their child
- **Talk to your child** about who they are playing the game with and show them how to block any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talk to them about what is OK to discuss and what they should never share with a stranger online.



Friends of Badbury Park

The PTA committee team members are busy working on projects coming up between now and Christmas.

Christmas Card fundraising - your child's design will have been sent home by now so if you wish to place an order, please visit the Cauliflower Group website to view the products that are available.

Forms and artwork must be returned to school by Wednesday 18th October if you are placing an order - if you take a photo of your unique code before returning your form then orders can still be placed online a few days after this date.

Half term Autumn art competition - further details on page 7. Open to all Badbury Park children (colouring sheets for Nursery and Reception children will be sent home during the last week of term) with a winner chosen from each class.

FOBPP PTA AGM - we would love to welcome you to our AGM in the school library on Wednesday 1st November 6-7.30pm. Find out about our achievements from 2022-23 and help us with our plans for 2023-24. No expectation to join the PTA, we'd just welcome your ideas and suggestions. Bring your own (non-alcoholic) drink and we'll provide the snacks!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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We're Open Families

Swindon
City of Sanctuary



Do you have
pre-school
children?

Are you new to
Swindon?

Would you like
to meet other
families?

If your answer is, "Yes!" to any or all of these questions, there's a We're Open Families 'welcome' waiting for you!



Open to All Families in Swindon

Swindon Central Library - Every Other Thursday - 11:00am to 1:00pm

Swindon
City of Sanctuary



Come and join us to chat, sing songs, play games, craft something, and share some stories at Central Library.

Every 2 weeks on Thursday 11:00am-1:00pm

September

7th/21st

October

5th/19th

November

2nd/16th/
30th

December

14th

For more information email: info@swindon.cityofsanctuary.org

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AUTUMN art competition

FREE ENTRY

Create a piece of Autumn
artwork no larger than A4 size
(Colouring competition available
for Nursery & Reception)






Hand in to your class teacher
by Friday 3rd November
(Name and Class on the back please!)

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School Diary

October 2023

6th: School tours for parents with children starting Reception in 2024 from 4pm-5pm
17th & 18th : Parent/Teacher consultation evenings
20th: last day of term 1
23rd-27th : school holiday
30th : TD day—school closed to children
31st: Children return to school to start term 2

November 2023

1st: Individual school photos
1st: Friends of Badbury Park—AGM 6-7.30pm
2nd: Parent reading workshop at 2.30pm
13th—17th: anti-bullying week
13th: Odd socks day
16th: Nasal flu clinic in school
17th: Children in Need. Children can wear something spotty for a small donation
w/c 27th : Christmas jumper collection (bring Christmas jumpers for sale/swap)

December 2023

4th: Christmas Jumper Sale
6th at 9.30am: Reception Christmas production to parents
7th at 1.30pm : Reception Christmas production to parents
7th: Christmas Jumper day
10th: Christmas Fair 13:00-16:00
11th : Christmas singalong in playground (Y1 & Y2—Yew Tree)
11th : Christmas singalong in playground (Y2-Y4)
13th: Christmas lunch followed by class party
14th : “Open house” parents are welcome to come in to see class and books from 2.30pm or 11.30/3.00 for Nursery)
15th: Last day of term 2.

January 2024

4th: Children return to school
8th: Curriculum meetings for all year groups except Nursery—5pm
12th: “Donation station” - donate any new unwanted Christmas gifts to PTA

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- ✦ Monday 30th October 2023
- ✦ Wednesday 3rd January 2024
- ✦ Monday 3rd June 2024
- ✦ Monday 8th July 2024